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BAMONT CRANSTON, NEW YORK CLUBMAN, WITH HIS FRIEND, MARGO LANE, ATTEND A RECEPTION TO UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES AS THE GUESTS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER WESTON











7AW TUVIA IS A VERY OLD NATION, BUT LITTLE KNOWN, MARGO. ISOLATED BY HIGH MOUNTAINS, IT HAS VERY SELDOM BEEN VISITED BY WHITE



LOCKED IN THE HIGHEST MOUNTAINS OF THE HIMALAYA RANGE IT WAS FREED FROM THE GRIP OF THE TATARS BY THE HERO, SAN-JORJE.....













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GET BUSY

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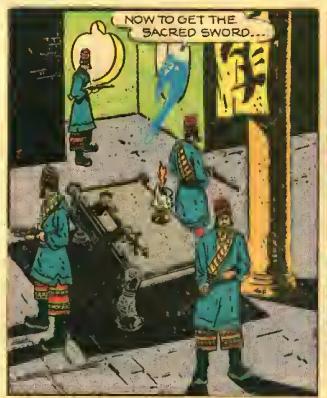




































UOH!

CHOKE ...

CHOKE.













I WILL NOT KNEEL!.... HE IS NOT THE TRUE KING!HE IS A FAKER!







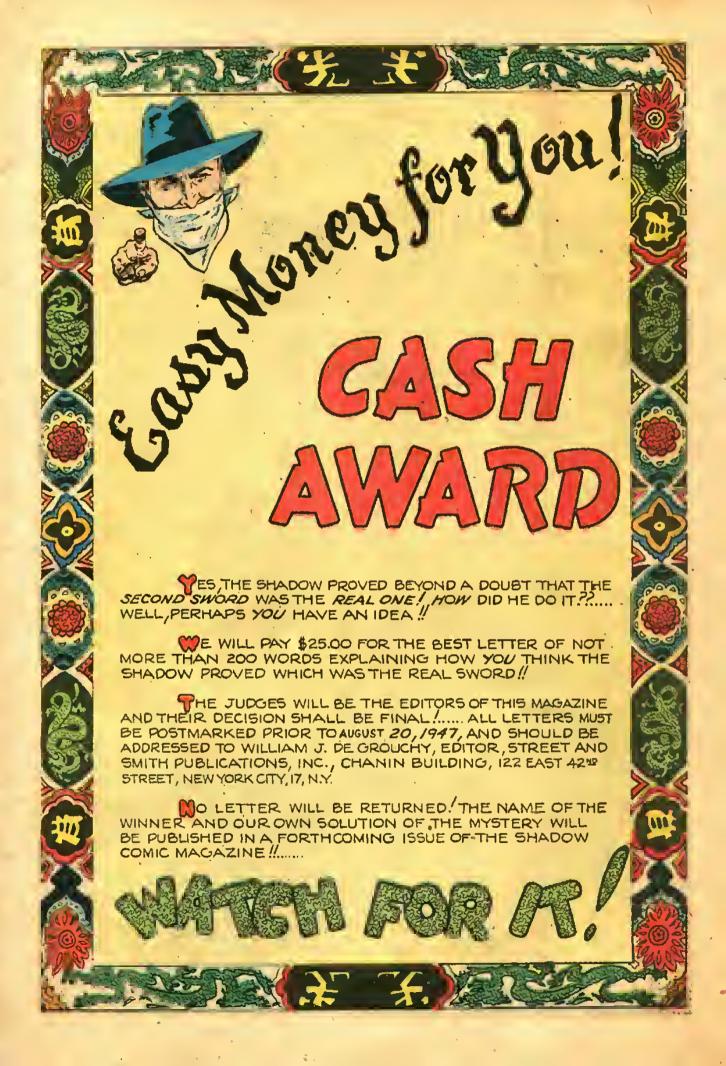
















TUNE IN EACH WEEK ON NICK CARTER OVER MUTUAL NETWORK SUN-DAY EVENING 6:30 P.M. E.S.T. SPON-SORED BY OLD DUTCH CLEANSER

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NAME: JOE CARRON AGE 4 HT: 5'11" WT: 180. COLOR WI

EVEN SIMPLICITY CAN BE CON-FUSING...THIS WAS AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE POLICE THOUGHT THREE SUSPECTS, A ROOM UNDER POLICE OBSERVATION AND A DICTAPHONE RECORD OF THE MURDER AND YET

'ONE OF THEM IS A RUTHLESS KILLER!

WHAT A JOB !..... NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS, TWO DAYS I BEEN LISTENIN IN ON THIS DICTAPHONE 'N'.....UH ...



































































UGH !... DON'T LOOK PATSY! THE CHAIR



INNER CIRCLE

"IT'S ALL DONE WITH THE SLEEVES ... "

HE members of the Inner Circle squirmed and wriggled in their seats waiting for the meeting to begin. Mr. Carter was there, up on the podium. He was looking at his wristwatch impatiently. Evidently he was waiting for young Chick just as were the members of the Inner, Circle.

"What held you up?" Nick asked his foster

"Umm... maybe that better be the subject of today's meeting," Chick said still looking foolish.

"How so?" Nick asked.

"It's a perfect example of not minding one's business. I was on my way to the meeting with plenty of time on my hands when I walked past a big department store downtown, you know . . . and I remembered I needed some shirts . . .

"So," said Chick, "I meandered in and looked around for the shirt counter."

"EMPTY HANDS"

"It was then I saw this man. He was about fifty—seedy looking, rather nice gentle face. He was looking at some real fancy fountain pens. He had one in his hands. The sales girl turned her back for a second . . . his hands moved strangely . . . and . . . the pen was gone!

"When the sales girl turned back she must have thought he'd replaced the pen on the counter. She paid no attention as he wandered off."

"A shoplifter!" Nick said.

"Precisely, what I figured," agreed Chick. "I followed him. He looked at wristwatches and one vanished: He looked at rings... and two disappeared off his hands that time."

"Why didn't you interfere?" Beef called out

from the audience. "Why didn't you nab

"Ah... a good point... and in that silly comedy of errors I became involved in, I am glad that I at least knew enough not to do just that!"

"You see," Nick explained, "there's a law about shoplifting that the thief cannot be arrested till he leaves the building. Up till that time, silly as it may sound, the law holds that the thief may be honest, may be going to pay for the article . . . only when they leave the building, then they are thieves and may be arrested."

"I knew that," Chick said, "and knew that if I put the arm on the shoplifter he could arrest me for false arrest. So I followed him around the department store. He made quite a haul!"

"TRAILER . . . "

"I followed him and was sure he was about to leave the store, when suddenly, right near the exit, he turned on his heel and walked towards an escalator. He went on it with me a few feet behind him. We went up the escalator.

"Then, and this is where I started to get confused, he went towards the door which had a brass plate on it. The brass plate read, "MANAGER." Now, remember I knew this guy had a load of loot on him that would sink him if he fell in the water, and there he was waltzing into the store manager's office.

"I couldn't make up my mind what to do. He went in through the door leaving me on the outside with my face hanging out!"

"CONTRETEMPS!"

"Finally I couldn't stand it any more. I went in through the door too! And there, to my amazement, in front of the manager's desk stood the shoplifter! He was talking to the manager. He was saying, 'Now sir, I want

you to know that the precautions in this store against shoplifting are pathetic!"

Chick turned to Nick, "Dad, I don't think ever in my life was I so surprised!"

"I can see that you would be," Nick said. "Go on, what happened?"

That was the question that was uppermost in the minds of the members of the Inner Circle too!

"Well . . ." Chick said and then took a drink of water, "I stood there stupidly, while the manager looked up at me and said, 'Well? What can I do for you?'

"I muttered something about having seen the man steal some odds and ends. Then I got another surprise. The shoplifter turned to me and said, 'Aha! At least there's someone in your organiztaion with eyes in his head!"

"The manager said, 'He isn't in my organization, go on with what you were saying.'"

"OBJECT LESSON!"

"The man didn't say anything, instead he shook his sleeves over the manager's desk. A rain of stolen objects poured out on the desk. Fountain pens, watches, rings. . . . The manager's eyes popped open I can tell you!

"The man said, 'I stole everyone of these things from counters in your store. Not one of your spotters saw me do it! Now, sir.' Before the shoplifter could go on, the manager said, 'Whoa, why are you telling me all this? Are you confessing that you are a crook?' The man shook his head. Then he took out a card and handed it to the manager. The manager read it aloud in a stunned voice, 'DEPARTMENT STORE PROTECTIVE SERVICE.'"

Nick chuckled, "I get the gag now. Very cute indeed!"

But the rest of the members were still puzzled. What was the gag?

Chick explained, "The shoplifter then went into his pitch. He told the manager that if he could steal things that simply, then so could other people. For a slight fee, he would give a lecture to the employees on how to be on guard against shoplifting!

"The manager looked down on the heap of stolen things on his desk and then said, 'You're hired. My people can certainly use a lecture like yours!'

"The man grinned, made arrangements to return and give the lecture and then left with me. When we got outside I got into a chat with him. The gag was that he used to be a magician!"

"WITH THE SLEEVES!"

"When he looked at a fountain pen, he held it in one hand. His other hand with the sleeve gaping open was facing the pen. When the shop girl looked away he shot the pen up his sleeve so fast that the eye could not follow it! He chuckled when he told me about it. He said, 'All the time I was a legitimate magician everyone always said I did my tricks with my sleeves. Really I didn't use them at all. Now that I'm not a magician anymore, I use them and fool people more than I used to with my act!'

"Those were my last words with him," Chick said. "I walked away realizing that I was late for the meeting, feeling like a fool."

"You shouldn't," Nick said, "that's a very cute gag."

"But suppose," Beef called up from the audience, "that a store detective or spotter had seen him at work!"

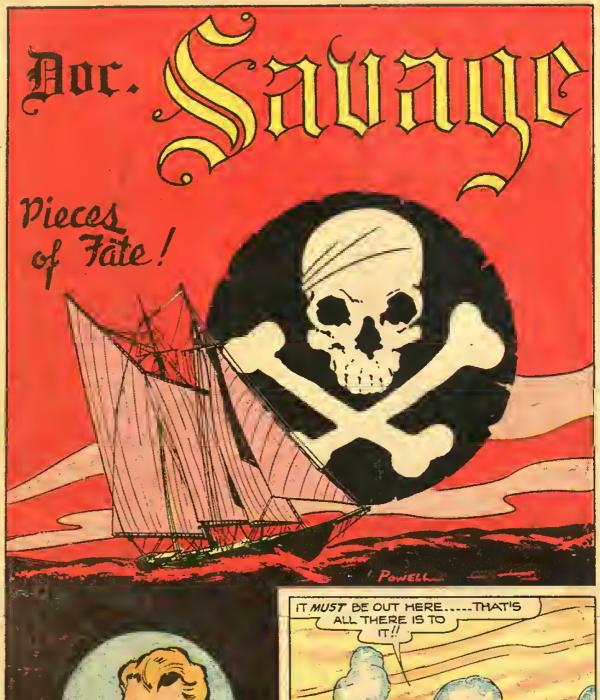
"That's the true beauty of the gag," Nick said. "Remember Chick was afraid to pinch him until he left the store? Well that's his protection. No spotter would bother him till he did leave the store!"

"Sure, the whole thing is foolproof!"

"Much too foolproof!" Nick said. "You let him get away, didn't you?"

"Huh?" Chick said and looked dumbfounded. "What do you mean?"

"That could be a legitimate racket. I can see how other men could do it honestly, but the man who's operating in this town is a crook! That's the reason I was in a hurry for you to get here. The other stores in town are screaming to the cops that they've been taken by a shoplifter for a wad!"



OT WAS PREPOSTEROUS THAT'S ALL!
THERE JUST AREN'T ANY PIRATES TODAY
AND THAT'S ALL. BUT.... THEY WERE
PIRATES... VICIOUS ONES... WHAT MADE
IT WORSE WAS THAT THEY HAD MONK
A PRISONER!







IF I COULD ONLY BE SURE THAT IT WAS MONK WHO PUT THE PIECES OF WOOD IN THE ENVELOPE......BUT





























ONE MOVE OUTA YOU

MONKEYS 'N' YOU'LL BE















*MEANWHILE... UP ON PA MORTON'S LONELY LITTLE RANCH, WHERE PA LIVES WITH HIS DAUGHTER, BESS... BESS WATCHES HER FATHER RIDE HOME AFTER THE PAY'S WORK.....





Burn Burn Barrier















(3) RED DOG GOES DOWN, KNOCKED COLD-HE'S TOUGH, BUT THE STRANGER IS TOUGHER!! THE STRANGER TIES RED DOG WITH HIS OWN ROPE...





















EVERY YEAR, GREAT LOSSES ARE SUFFERED BOTH IN LARGE CITIES AND SMALL TOWNS BY THE VICIOUS WORK OF PEOPLE KNOWN AS "FIRE BUGS" WHO DELIBERATELY START FIRES... THE FIRE BUG IS A CRIMINAL. THE CRIME THAT HE COMMITS IS CALLED ARSON AND CARRIES SEVERE PENALTIES. HOWEVER PRANKISH THE FIRE BUG MAY BE HE SOON REALIZES THAT HE HAS DONE WRONG AND THEREFORE DOES NOT HESITATE TO COMMIT OTHER MISDEEDS, ALONG WITH SETTING FIRES.... BUT WHAT THE FIRE BUG SELDOM RECOGNIZES IS THAT ARSON CAN BECOME A GREATER CRIME... EVEN THAT OF MURDER... AS THIS STORY SHOWS!







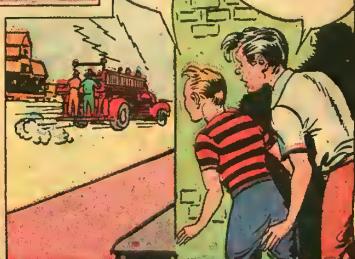
CLANG!



HOMEDALE FIRE CO. NO.2

THERE GOES
FARRIS, TOO.
THAT GIVES ME
A BETTER
IDEA. LET'S
SLIDE AROUND
TO THE
ALLEY!





















Darn Clever These ...

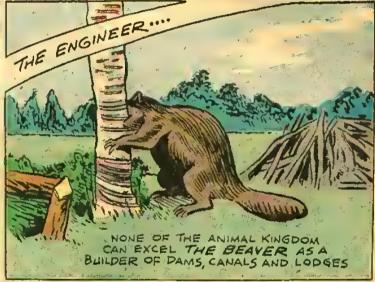


BESIDES HAVING QUILLS AS PROTECTION, THE PORCUPINE USES THEM TO BRING!
HOME FOOD FOR ITS YOUNG. AFTER SHAKING DOWN A BERRY BUSH, THE PORKY WILL ROLL IN THE BERRIES UNTIL IT HAS SPEARED!
ENOUGH FOR THE FAMILY DINNER...

LONG BEFORE THE HUMAN SENTRY WAS POSTED, THE CROW CHOSE ONE OF ITS NUMBER TO PERCH UPON A HIGH TREE TO KEEP A SHARP LOOK-OUT WHILE THE OTHERS FED OR SLEPT ...









FEW HUMAN MODELS CAN HOLD A POSE AS MOTIONLESS AND AS LONG AS THE POINTER ...

















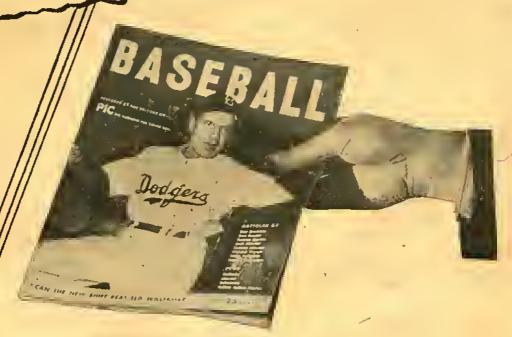


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